

Appl. No. 09/856,927
Amdt. dated February 24, 2005
Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 1642

PATENT

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Huff for taking time to conduct a telephonic interview with the undersigned on February 24, 2005. Although Applicants do not agree with the Examiner's assertion that claims 22 and 23 are identical, to consolidate issues for appeal, claim 22 is hereby canceled without prejudice to future revival. The claim rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, maintained in the Final Office Action mailed December 13, 2004, is thus obviated.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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